

EZERUM FALLS BEFORE ATTACK OF RUSSIANS

Principal Turkish Stronghold in the East Has Been the Objective of Repeated Assaults, and Reuter's Despatch Announces Its Capture To-day

BRITISH FAIL TO TAKE THEIR LOST TRENCHES

Berlin Also Announces That French Attempts to Recapture Lost Ground to Northwest of Tahrur in Champagne Were Fruitless, but the French Tell of Success

London, Feb. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that Ezerum has been captured by the Russians.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 16.—Three attacks by the British in efforts to recover trenches southeast of Ypres, Belgium, which they lost to the Germans, were announced at army headquarters to-day. All the attacks were declared fruitless, as were those of the French in attempts to regain the ground lost northwest of Tahrur in the Champagne district.

Rainy weather is hindering fighting activities in the western arena, while driving snow is reported along the whole eastern front and nothing of importance has occurred there, the statement adds.

Paris, via London, Feb. 16.—The war office this afternoon said there were no important events last night. "In Champagne we recaptured by means of attacks with hand grenades certain trench sections to the east of the road from Tahrur to Somme."

MUNITIONS SHIPS BURNED AT SEA

Great Loss Sustained at Brooklyn Where Shells Were Being Loaded for the Entente Allies—Two Lives Are Reported Lost.

New York, Feb. 16.—The steamships Bolton, Castle and Pacific and the nine hundred-foot pier belonging to the New York Dock company, at the foot of Pioneer street in Brooklyn, were destroyed by fire early this morning. Another steamer, the Palladia, was badly damaged and about twenty-five scows and lighters were partly or wholly burned. Two coolies are missing, and the loss is estimated at considerably more than \$1,000,000.

The origin of the fire is not known, but suspicion of incendiaryism were aroused because some of the steamers were loading war munitions, part of which was for Russia. The burned pier is also believed to have been filled with merchandise, including munitions. The fire started in a building on the pier.

TEUTONIC PLOT IS SUSPECTED IN TORONTO FIRE

American Club, in Which There Have Been Recent Demonstrations in Favor of Entente Allies and Where "American Legion" Was Started, Was Destroyed and Man Was Killed.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—One man was killed and two were injured in a fire which early to-day wrecked the six-story home of the American club. Several explosions were heard while the fire was burning, and the early unconfirmed reports were that the blaze was the result of an alien military plot, the American club having been the scene of recent demonstrations in favor of the entente allies. The 97th overseas regiment, popularly known as the "American Legion," had its birth there.

The dead man is believed to be P. P. Hurston of Dallas, Tex. The property loss is \$50,000.

BRITISH LOST 600 YARDS OF TRENCHES SOUTH OF YPRES

Germans Claim That 800 Yards Were Captured in Heavy Assault and "One Officer and Several Dozen Men Were Made Prisoners."

London, Feb. 16.—A heavy battle, brought on by a German assault south-west of Ypres, has resulted in the capture of a third of a mile of the British front line.

The German official account reads: "Southwest of Ypres, after heavy artillery bombardments by way of preparation, our troops captured some 600 yards of British positions. A majority of the defenders of the British trenches were killed. One officer and several dozen men were made prisoners."

The British official communication issued last evening says: "Last night, after a heavy bombard-

ment on the whole front of the Ypres salient to the south of Hooge, the enemy made several infantry attacks. "Between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines railway the enemy broke into our front trench on a front of about 600 yards. All his other attacks failed. "A heavy bombardment on both sides continued."

\$139,488 WAS BID FOR STATE BUILDING

George T. Kelly of Yonkers, N. Y., Was Lowest Bidder for Contract at Montpelier—Contract Was Not Awarded.

With a bid of \$139,488 as the price for the erection of the building complete, George T. Kelly of Yonkers, N. Y., was the lowest of 21 bidders whose proposals on the state building to be constructed at Montpelier for the use of the state library, supreme court and historical society, were opened yesterday afternoon in the supreme court room at the State House by the building commission. The bids were opened by Secretary H. F. Graham of the commission and the only other members present were Levi P. Smith of Burlington, representing his father, C. P. Smith, and ex-Gov. W. W. Stickney.

The lowest bid on the electric work was submitted by the Lord Electric Co. of Boston, \$3,990, and the lowest on steam fitting by the Isaac Coffin Co. of Boston, \$8,960.

The commission opened and read the bids before the representatives of the contracting firms present but made no decision or comment. The commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and it is only reasonable to assume it will take advantage of that privilege and change the specifications and advertise for new bids inasmuch as the present bids total more than the appropriation made by the legislature of \$150,000. The bids for the building complete, excepting the wainscot and extra finish work, the ornamental plaster work and the extra terrazzo and marble work, were as follows: E. T. Abbott Co., New York City, \$139,900; Booth Bros. & Hurricane Isle Granite Co., New York City, \$171,640; James E. Cashman, Burlington, \$155,594.79; H. P. Cummings Co., Woodsville, N. H., \$152,000; C. A. Dodge Co., Cambridge, Mass., \$147,711; W. H. Fissell & Co., New York City, \$149,600; R. H. Howes Construction Co., Boston, \$149,000; George T. Kelly, Yonkers, N. Y., \$139,488; the Kieselbach Construction Co., Burlington, \$152,042; H. Wales Lines Co., Meriden, Conn., \$151,887; George Baker Long, Worcester, Mass., \$147,150; Edward F. Miner Building Co., Worcester, Mass., \$145,819; the John Nelson Construction Co., Montpelier, \$149,852; O. S. Nichols, Essex, Conn., \$149,500; the Norfolk Bros. Co., Boston, \$168,500; Daniel R. Shepard, Boston, \$159,741; W. Shelton Swallow Co., New York City, \$149,437; S. P. Troy Co., Boston, \$149,968; Vermont Construction Co., Burlington, \$151,900; W. A. Wentworth Co., Boston, \$156,975; I. F. Woodbury Sons' Co., Boston, \$149,765.

The following are the bids for the wiring: Barnes Pope Co., Boston, \$4,871; the Barre Electric Co., Barre, \$4,384; Brown & Roby, Burlington, \$6,875; Carlisle-Connor Co., Boston, \$4,875; T. J. Kelly & Co., Boston, \$4,696; E. C. Lewis, Boston, \$5,388; Lord Electric Co., Boston, \$3,990; Nichols & Warren Electric Co., Bennington, \$4,144.

The bids for steam-fitting were as follows: G. S. Blodgett Co., Burlington, \$9,214.83; Allan Calhoun, Middlebury, \$10,217; Cleghorn Co., Boston, \$10,975; Isaac Coffin Co., Boston, \$8,960; Ingalls & Kendrick, Inc., Boston, \$10,437; Lynch & Woodward, Boston, \$9,426; M. McCarty & Sons, Poultney, \$11,487; Peck Bros., Montpelier, \$9,732; T. A. Ridder & Co., Boston, \$10,390; Walworth-English-Flett Co., Boston, \$9,750.

QUARRELS WITH WIFE, SLASHES HIS THROAT

Wallace Peters of Rutland Made Wound Sufficient to Need 14 Stitches, But He Will Recover.

Rutland, Feb. 16.—Bleeding profusely from a self-inflicted razor slash across his throat, Wallace Peters, recently a local hack driver, and a former resident of Mendon, was found in the office of Dr. Bradford C. Powers on Center street at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the doctor returned to his office after making a call. Fourteen stitches were required to close the gash. Marital infelicity is supposed to have prompted Peters to attempt his own life. He will be arraigned in police court on a charge of assaulting his wife yesterday afternoon.

It appears that Peters lost his nerve immediately after he started to carry out his suicidal intention at the home of Mrs. James Foley of No. 45 Washington street. The jugular vein was not severed although several veins had been cut and the man must have lost considerable blood while making his way to Dr. Powers' office for treatment.

When Dr. Powers had dressed the wound the injured man told him that he was going to Mendon. It was learned at police headquarters, however, that Peters had been seen after his visit to Dr. Powers' office at the Rutland Railroad Light & Power company's car barn on South Main street, where a brother is employed.

Armed with a warrant sworn out by Peters' wife and issued by Grand Juror Charles E. Novak, charging Peters with breach of the peace by way of assault on Mrs. Peters, Officers Martin Kennedy and Timothy Dwyer went to the car barn. They found Peters with his throat bandaged, asleep in a car and placed him under arrest. He spent the night in a cell at police headquarters.

Peters' prompt action in seeking the aid of a physician probably saved his life, as it is probable that he would have bled to death without surgical attention. As it is, however, a scar reaching almost from ear to ear will be the only reminder he will have in time to come of his narrow escape from a suicide's grave.

A special mite box meeting for the mission circle of the Universalist church will be held with Mrs. O. K. Hollister Friday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 2:30 o'clock. All members and those having mite boxes are urged to attend. Watchword, "Give."

AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY GOES TO WILSON

Secretary of State Lansing Seems to Be Satisfied with Reply Received from Berlin in the Negotiations Over the Lusitania Case

CHANGES SUGGESTED ARE NOW EMBODIED

Count Von Bernstorff Presented the Latest Draft of Agreement to Secretary Lansing To-day, and They Remained in Conference Only Ten Minutes

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to-day presented to Secretary Lansing the latest draft of the Lusitania agreement, embodying the changes suggested by the American government and also one change suggested by Berlin. Indications were that the agreement in its present form will probably be acceptable to the United States.

Von Bernstorff remained with Lansing less than 10 minutes after the conference. Neither party would make any statement, but it is understood that Count Von Bernstorff was informed that the draft could not be accepted as final until it had been submitted to President Wilson. The indications were that it seemed satisfactory to Secretary Lansing.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 16.—Germany's reply to the American government's latest representations regarding the sinking of the steamer Lusitania was forwarded to Washington yesterday. The report accepts one of the two changes suggested by Secretary of State Lansing, but proposes a new wording for the other.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Germany is understood to have agreed to the suggestion of the United States that she substitute the words "reasonable liability" for the words "assumes liability" in the tentative draft of the communication designed to settle the Lusitania case. The revised draft was received here late last night from Berlin.

Several other changes desired by the United States and described as being of minor importance also are said to have been made. In one instance, however, Germany is understood to have proposed a change in the language suggested by the American government.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Special business meeting Thursday night after the prayer meeting at the Baptist church to hear the report of the pulp committee. A large attendance is desired.

Barre friends of Dr. Bancroft of South Barre will be interested to learn that he is recovering from a serious illness. Members of Dr. Bancroft's family are now detained at home by illness.

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Abbott of Henniker, N. H., arrived in the city to-day to participate in a series of evangelistic meetings. Rev. Mr. Abbott was formerly connected with a mission in Barre.

Several young ladies, all pupils of Miss Bessie Spear, met at her home last evening to organize a club, the object of which is to promote increasing knowledge and appreciation of music. In a brief business meeting, the name, "Chromatic club" was chosen, and the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Miss Isabel Galt; secretary-treasurer, Miss Edna Malmquist; program committee, Miss Anna Robertson and Miss Lillian Goske. After the business meeting, "musical stunts" formed the principal diversion of the evening, the prize for the funniest and most original performance being awarded to Miss Galt, and the consolation prize to Miss Robertson.

Devotees of skating participated in a most enjoyable costume carnival at the Pearl street rink last evening and a large number of people who did not skate were on the sidelines to witness the spectacle. Prizes were awarded as follows: Best costumes, lady and gentleman, George Fowle and Miss Martha Reid, a box of Apollo chocolates; second prize, J. O'Keefe and lady; first prize in the ladies' contest, Miss Ruth Milne; second prize, Mrs. Sumner of Montpelier; first prize for gentlemen, Earl Smith; second, Adam Riddell; first prize for children, Miss Irene Liberty; second, Master William Murray. All of the awards were made in the form of confectionery packages.

At the close of the St. Johnsbury district preachers' conference at the Methodist church to-day, Rev. E. F. Newell and several of the visiting clergymen went to Montpelier seminary, where they participated in a clerical conference to which representatives from three Vermont Methodist districts were invited. Tentative plans were to be discussed for a midwinter institute to be held at the seminary sometime next winter for the benefit of younger clergymen and young laymen of the conference. It was expected that the question of deciding definitely on the institute proposal would bring on the sentiment developed at to-day's conference, as the matter has not been discussed at length among the Methodist churches of the state.

CONCLUDE SESSIONS IN BARRE.

St. Johnsbury Methodist District Preachers Return Home.

Preachers and laity of the St. Johnsbury Methodist district, who have been holding their mid-winter sessions in the Hedding Methodist church since Monday evening, adjourned at noon to-day after a most helpful gathering. Throughout the morning and afternoon and evening meetings much interest has been manifested in the program and papers dealing with a number of church and Sunday school problems were of uniform excellence. Several of the clergymen went from Barre to Montpelier seminary this afternoon, there to attend a conference which has for its prime object the formation of plans for a mid-winter institute in 1917, the institute to embrace clergymen and lay members in the St. Johnsbury, Montpelier and St. Albans Methodist districts.

Rev. F. W. Lewis of Groton had charge of the closing session to-day. Unforeseen circumstances compelled to make imperative a radical change in the program, but the substitutions were well chosen and the forenoon conference was quite as fruitful as any of the previous sessions. Rev. E. W. Chertwint of Newbury opened the service with devotionals at 9 o'clock and Rev. J. A. Ranney of Barton followed with a strong paper on "The Church and the War Disturbed World." Owing to the absence of some of the clergymen, it was found necessary to alter a symposium on the next general conference. However, Rev. R. H. Moore of Lyndonville spoke interestingly on "The Election of Race Bishops," and Rev. H. E. Howard of Waits River gave a paper on "A United Methodism."

In the absence of the district superintendent, Rev. R. F. Lowe, who was called out of the city, a letter was read in which Mr. Lowe replied to a young man's queries as to the opportunities for ministerial service in Vermont. Mr. Lowe wrote characteristically on the topic, "The Advantages and Opportunity of a Country Pastorate." Time allotted on the program to Rev. G. J. Anderson of Derby and Rev. C. D. Pierce of Craftsbury was given to Dr. J. Atkinson of Derby, N. H., a superintendent of Sunday school work in New Hampshire and Vermont, who spoke on Sunday schools.

Prohibition Law Discussed.

The chief topic of discussion last evening was the new prohibition law which is to be voted on by the citizens of Vermont next March. Rev. E. F. Newell exactly the same conditions throughout the state as those which now exist in the towns where local option exists but which are dry towns; that is, the sale of liquor will be forbidden and the bringing of it into the state for purposes of sale forbidden, but there will be no restriction on the use of liquor for private consumption or on its use by physicians as a medicine. Believing this law to be a good one, the congressman urges its adoption.

Following the reading of the letter of Rev. R. F. Lowe, who presided at the meeting, called on Dr. J. W. Hatch, principal of Montpelier seminary, for a few remarks in regard to the statements made by E. L. Hanson in the recent joint debate held at the opera house. Dr. Hatch very frankly described Mr. Hanson as "a man repudiated by his state and by his party" and as a man for whom he personally had no respect. He denied Mr. Hanson's alleged statement that Maine is a "rum-soaked" state and claims that there is more violation of the local option laws in certain cities in Massachusetts than there is of the prohibition law in the state of Maine.

Rev. G. A. Martin of St. Johnsbury was the next speaker. He pointed out that temperance is not fundamentally a political or an economic question or a question of physiology but a moral question to be settled on a moral basis. He showed, however, that from the economic standpoint the consumption of liquor is bad in that it lessens the efficiency of the user, and from the standpoint of the physiological effects that it is detrimental to health. The saloonkeeper, said the speaker, cares for nothing but the money to be gotten out of the community and will not of his own accord stop the sale of liquor to boys or to habitual drunkards. "It takes boys to run the saloon," said Dr. Martin, and he used this as one of his strongest points against it. He denied that the saloon can be regulated and likewise that prohibition cannot be enforced without a local public opinion in favor of its enforcement. The speaker also pointed out the fallacy of thinking that laws which were good 30 or 40 years ago are still good. In his recapitulation, Dr. Martin defined the saloon as "an institution to make men" and made an earnest plea for its abolition by the adoption of the prohibition law.

40 HURT IN RIOT.

Freight Handlers and Strike Breakers Clash at New London.

New London, Conn., Feb. 16.—As a result of a battle between striking freight handlers and strike-breakers at the freight wharf of the Central Vermont railway, in East New London, yesterday about 40 men were injured. Eleven are in the hospital.

The strikers attacked the strike-breakers when they were returning from dinner with clubs and stones. Two policemen on duty at the wharf succeeded, after a time, by firing their revolvers in the air in cowering the belligerents. Reinforcements were sent from police headquarters to the scene, every available man being called on for that purpose.

FIND QUINN IN ST. ALBANS.

Manchester, N. H., Police Charge Him with Kicking Bail.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 16.—Police inspectors Mohr and Healy of Manchester arrived here last night from St. Albans, Vt., with Jeremiah T. Quinn of this city, who is charged with having skipped his bail and with having neglected to support his wife and minor children.

\$2,000,000 LOSS AS FIRE RAGED IN FALL RIVER

A Score of Buildings in the Business Portion of the City Were Destroyed, but There Was No Loss of Life Early This Morning

HELP WAS CALLED FROM OTHER CITIES

Flames Were Checked at the Edge of Wooden Tenement District, and Occupants of the Latter Were Driven into the Street

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 16.—Fire which swept through a portion of the business district of this city early this morning, burning a score of buildings, including an apartment hotel and several of the city's largest retail establishments, caused a loss of approximately \$2,000,000, according to the estimates of property owners and store proprietors to-day. There was no loss of life although there were many narrow escapes.

After nearly three hours' fight the local firemen, with the assistance of firemen from other cities, checked the flames on the edge of a wooden tenement district which for a time was seriously menaced. The occupants of these houses fled to the snow-covered streets with little clothing and were cared for in churches, public buildings and private homes.

The flames originated in the basement of a four-story brick building at the corner of South Main and Spring streets, occupied by the Steiger company as a department store, but the cause of the fire has not been ascertained. The flames swept rapidly south along Main street to Columbia street, taking small buildings on both sides of the street and going up Spring street. The Lennox hotel, an apartment structure, was directly across the street from the Steiger store, and the guests in the hotel escaped through the rear doors and windows as the front of the building was burning.

During the height of the conflagration help was summoned from Newbury, Taunton and New Bedford. The fire was the most disastrous in the history of the city.

ALARM IN BOSTON.

Fire Causes Four Alarms to Be Sounded This Morning.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The greater part of the fire department was called out by four alarms early to-day to fight a blaze in the midst of a nest of wooden buildings in the Mount Pleasant section of the Roxbury district.

The fire originated in a four-story brick building that was being remodeled. The lower floor was occupied by E. G. Fennessy, a steam fitter, and the upper floors were occupied. The building was badly damaged and the flames for a while threatened to sweep through the closely built-up neighborhood. Snow-covered roofs helped the firemen in their fight to keep the fire from spreading rapidly.

TAKES BARRE POSITION.

Allan W. Reid to Manage Office of Standard Granite Co.

Allan W. Reid, who for the past six years has been in the employ of the Vermont Marble Co., much of the time as building salesman for the company's Cleveland, O., office, has taken charge of the downtown office of the Standard Granite Co. in the Aldrich building. Mr. Reid will devote his whole time to the affairs of the office, while Douglas M. Barclay, of Barclay Bros., who has been dividing his time between the office and the company's quarries in Granville, will give more of his attention to the quarrying end of the business. The demand for the Standard company's medium and light stock has grown rapidly in recent years and the establishment of an office in the business section is calculated to facilitate greatly the handling of local and outside orders.

The business association that has existed between Barclay Bros. and the Standard Granite Co. since the manufacturing concern was founded will be continued, although the latter company will have at its disposal the services of an experienced stonemason who can give his whole time to the Barre office, thus enabling Mr. Barclay to resume his former oversight of operations at the quarries. The Standard Granite Co. has leased attractive office quarters in the Aldrich block. Mr. Reid will be assisted in the detail work at the office by Miss Sophia Rossi.

BURIAL AT HOPE CEMETERY.

Funeral of Mrs. Annie E. Bill Held Tuesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie E. Bill, wife of the late Edward R. Bill of Montreal, P. Q., whose death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Robertson of 123 Orange street, Sunday morning, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was assisted in the services by Rev. J. W. Barrett of the Congregational church. The bearers were: William Robertson, James Rhind, W. H. Morse, William Robertson and Robert Bill, a son of the deceased. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

FILL VACANCY ON CIVIL BOARD

Fred W. Sutor Takes Place of Richard Ciardi, Who Resigned Because Ill.

A vacancy on the board of civil authority was filled at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening when the mayor's appointment of Fred W. Sutor to succeed Richard Ciardi, resigned, on the board that is to revise the checklist for the March elections, was approved unanimously. Mr. Ciardi's resignation, offered on the ground that impaired health will prevent him from serving on the board, carried with it the suggestion that the selection of his successor be made from a list of three names endorsed by the Socialist party. The three names were: John T. Callaghan, Gilbert Phillips and Mr. Sutor. By virtue of his appointment, Mr. Sutor will deliberate with the board of civil authority when it starts to tinker up the checklist next week. A part of his heritage from Mr. Ciardi is the honor of being the only Socialist member on the board. Hereafter for the time-being of two members, the aldermen spent an hour over routine affairs and then went into executive session. Alderman Healy of the second ward is under restraint at the doctor's order as the result of an injured knee-cap, and Alderman Shurtliff, who is usually on hand before the clerk has begun to sharpen his pencil, was detained at home by a severe cold. Neither of the two bailiwick representatives expects to be absent for long.

Dr. Stewart's January report referred to 29 deaths, due, then, to homicide 1, suicide 1, apoplexy 1, bronchitis 1, cancer 1, consumption 3, disease of the heart 1, disease of the kidneys 3, inanition 1, influenza 2, pneumonia 3, premature birth 1, and hemorrhage 1. In the birth statistics the balance between males and females was nicely preserved, there being 10 each. Of contagious diseases reported there were 10 cases, seven being scarlet fever, two chicken-pox, and one typhoid fever. Nineteen burial permits were issued. The report was accepted, as was the January financial statement of the water superintendent.

Overseer W. J. Clapp, in his report to the aldermen covering poor department affairs in December, stated that a balance of \$1.96 was on hand at the beginning of the month. There was an appropriation of \$700 and the sum of \$720.84 was disbursed for the support of the poor, as shown by the vouchers, leaving an overdraft of \$18.88. The sum of \$31.45 was received from different persons and turned over to the city treasurer. The report was accepted.

State Forester A. F. Hawes addressed a communication to the city stating that the time is now ripe for towns and cities to pave the way for school forests. He referred to a legislative enactment exempting reforested lands for school purposes from taxation and suggested that Barre, in common with other communities, might do well to accept a gift from someone and devote the income from its wooded areas in later years to school purposes. Members of the board indicated that the opportunities for reforesting lands within the city limits are pretty scarce, while land outside the city devoted to that purpose would be subject to taxation. The state forester's letter was referred to the mayor.

Chief Sinclair of the police department renewed a discarded practice of submitting a monthly report from the police department, which was read and approved for filing. Twenty arrests were made on the following allegations in January: Intoxication 15, selling liquor illegally 2, search and seizure 2, breach of the peace 2.

On the favorable report of the building inspector permits were granted in the following cases: J. B. Sanguinetti, to erect a stonemason annex in Burnham's meadow; J. O. Bilodeau, to erect stonemason additions near Center street; A. B. Lane, to erect a garage on Highland avenue. A resolution appropriating \$4,000 to the street department was read for the second time and adopted. Action on the suggestion that the city be represented at the American Good Roads conference in Pittsburg, Pa., late in February was deferred until the next meeting. Warrants were approved for payment in the following order: Street department payroll, \$104.57; water department payroll, \$30.75; fire department payroll, \$80.56; police department payroll, \$88.50; G. A. Bemis, \$14, services as janitor; W. J. Harrison, \$20.30; J. Sullivan, \$20.80; William Stephen, \$26.80, services as auditors.

YEAR SHORT OF CENTURY.

But Mrs. Sibel Guild of Bellows Falls Is Very Well.

Bellows Falls, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Sibel Hinton Prouty Guild, the oldest woman in northern Windham county and perhaps the oldest woman in the county, observed the 99th anniversary of her birth yesterday in the home of her nephew, Harley J. Hinton, at 16 Atkinson street.

Mrs. Guild was in good health up to a week before Christmas when she had a brief illness. Since that time she has not been in good health. When a press representative called upon her yesterday she received him cordially and said that when she was as young as he she never expected to reach her 99th milestone.

The venerable woman was born in Unity, N. H., Feb. 15, 1817, the oldest of seven children of Lemuel and (Sibel) Palmer Hinton. After her graduation from the Chester academy she taught school in Londonderry, New Hampshire, and in 1841 she married John Sibel. She remained there until 1849, when she came to Bellows Falls to make her home with her nephew. She is a member of the Atkinson Universalist church.

Her second husband was Rufus Guild to whom she was married in 1851. They lived in Bellows Falls. Following the death of Mr. Guild in 1897 she moved to Atkinson, where she engaged in the tailor's trade. She remained there until 1905, when she came to Bellows Falls to make her home with her nephew. She is a member of the Atkinson Universalist church.

Dr. W. A. Davidson of Burlington will be in Barre Saturday and will speak in the Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Piani will be the speaker in the evening.

MARR & GORDON QUARRY SOLD

Part of Consolidated Quarry Co.'s Holdings Bought by Wetmore & Morse

PRICE SAID TO BE \$125,000

The Wetmore & Morse Co. Thereby Secure Valuable Addition to Their Quarry

Deeds have been filed at the town clerk's office in Barre today showing the transfer of the Marr & Gordon quarry of the Consolidated Quarry company's holdings to the Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., which owns a large and valuable quarry next adjoining. The negotiations for the same were concluded yesterday and the deeds were filed last night. It is understood that the price paid was in the vicinity of \$125,000.

The purchase of the Marr & Gordon quarry gives the Wetmore & Morse concern an important addition to its property on Millstone hill. The new acquisition is located next adjoining their own quarry and thus it will be possible to work both to good advantage. The granite is similar, being of the well known "Barre light" stock. When seen to-day concerning the purchase, President Frank M. Corry of the Wetmore & Morse company had little to say except that the Marr & Gordon quarry will be operated in conjunction with their previous holdings.

The Marr & Gordon quarry is one of a number of quarries which were consolidated some years ago under the name of the Consolidated Quarry company, the late John W. McDonald being one of the promoters of the new concern as well as its president, once the organization was completed.

The sale of this quarry makes the second transfer of importance in the Barre granite belt within a few weeks, the other having been the purchase of one-half interest in the E. L. Smith & Co. properties by H. Nelson Jackson of Burlington and S. Hollister Jackson of Barre. The greater part of the holdings of the Consolidated Quarry company remains in that company's possession and it is understood, will be operated as usual by that company.

APATHY IN BARRE POLITICS.

Caucus a Day Off and There Is Very Little Activity.

Whether or not the apathy that has hung over the political situation in Barre this year will spread to the citizens' caucus at the opera house Thursday evening is a question to be answered by time alone, but the fact remains that the attitude of unconcern which existed two weeks ago has not disappeared and for the first time in a number of years the eve of the caucus is reached with scarcely an outward indication that anyone is seeking office or has the least desire to be honored by the electorate. Apathetic attempts to start the political pot a simmering a fortnight ago did not get very far, although a few possible candidates, fewer than usual, were breeched.

It is known that Mayor Langley is willing to go before the voters for a second term and his name will probably be presented to-morrow night. Former Alderman Harry C. Patterson stated to-day that he will not be a candidate for the mayoralty at the caucus unless something should develop over night and to-morrow. Yet there remains a sort of "mentioning" candidacy connected with Mr. Patterson's name that cannot be described as quiescent. James Mackay's name will be presented again for the offices of city clerk and treasurer. George L. Morris will let his name go before the voters as a candidate for the office of constable and tax collector and no real opposition to George Parker's renomination as second constable has developed. No one has been mentioned enough, it seems, to speculate on the nomination of candidates for the French's Barre library directorate, the auditorships and the assessors.

Ward nominations are to be suggested off Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Alderman Edwin Keast is a candidate for renomination as alderman in ward four, Alderman A. E. Bruce is to be a candidate again in the sixth ward and Alderman J. A. Healy is a candidate for election in ward two. Thus far they are unopposed, although the Socialists are to nominate ward and city candidates at their caucuses Friday night. It may be mentioned here that the Socialists are practically at sea as to whom shall be nominated, although they are determined to have a complete slate in the field. School commissioners are to be elected in ward five and ward six.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Many Administrators Appointed and Other Business Done.

In probate court to-day Frank D. Smith of Lyndonville settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Mary L. Brown, late of Northfield; the will of John S. Collins, late of Barre, was presented; Charles E. Kingsbury of Montpelier was appointed administrator of the estate of Ezra Kingsbury, late of Warren; William J. Redmond of Enosburg Falls was appointed administrator of the estate of Martha L. Caldwell; George M. King of Marshfield was appointed administrator of the estate of Martha King; Etta R. Mason of Montpelier was appointed guardian for D. Ashley Mason, a minor, of Montpelier; D. W. Cooley of Waterbury was appointed administrator of the estate of Laura E. Cook, late of Barre, in place of George W. Morse.

Miss L. Bergami of Milford, N. H., arrived in the city yesterday and is making a visit of several days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio H. Fasola of Berlin street.